GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRIBALS LIVING IN FOREST NATIONAL PARK ETC
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of harassment of tribals living on forest land have come to the notice of the Union Government;

(b) if so,the details thereof,State-wise and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether Government is considering the rehabilitation of tribals living in national park/reserves/sanctuaries in various States in the country;and

(d) if so,the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR.RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a): No such instances have come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): As per the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,2006,first the rights of the Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers have to be determined and vested on the forest lands under their occupation,including of those living in national parks/ reserved forests/ sanctuaries.Till that is done,no eviction is permissible even in the critical wildlife habitats of national parks and sanctuaries.Section 4(2) of the Act,however,provides for modification or resettlement of the forest rights in critical wildlife habitats of national parks and sanctuaries through a procedure given in the said Section.